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ANTI-SEMITISM and the STRUGGLE FOR DEMOCRACY

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THE NAZI POGROMS

The bestial, sadistic Nazi pogroms against the German Jews, and their violent attacks upon the Catholics, which grew directly out of the Munich Betrayal, had a two-fold effect in the United States. It aroused on the one hand a profound, anti-fascist, democratic indignation among the masses, and on the other hand it stimulated the revival of the reactionary, anti-Negro, anti-Semitic, and anti-Catholic terrorist groups, and emboldened the fascist-minded bourgeoisie and their reactionary accomplices in their increased activity to use these "storm gangs" against the people.

MANIFESTATIONS OF ANTI-SEMITISM

During the past period there have been increasing manifestations of anti-Semitism, now by subtle whispers and intimations, now open and barefaced. This is assuming the form of pamphlets, folders leaflets, stickers, magazines, boycott movements, etc. Such organs of reaction as the New York Herald Tribune, particularly, through the unmentionable traitor and prostitute of the pen, George Sokolsky; the New York Sun, and recently the New York Daily News, indulge in anti-Semitic propaganda. The Amsterdam News, a leading Negro newspaper, has indulged in back-handed attacks.

Certain public utilities, such as the Telephone Co., Consolidated Edison, etc., who refuse to hire Negroes, except as menials, also discriminate against Jews. Also private institutions such as the National City Bank, Bowery Savings Bank, Irving Trust, Bank of Manhattan, Central Hanover Bank and Trust Company, Chemical Bank and Trust Company, Dime Savings Bank, and the Empire City Savings Bank.

There also exists discrimination by reactionary officials in government agencies. Congressman Dies of Texas, one of the swelled-headed "little Garners" says that there are 135 anti-Semitic organizations in the country; and who should know better than this ill-concealed hireling of Hitler?

LOCAL MANIFESTATIONS OF ANTI-SEMITISM

In Harlem and among other parts of the country anti-Semitic agents are busy. In Italian Harlem, the "National American," an extremely vicious, lying sheet, is published by the National Press Association, at 147 East 116th Street. It appears to be run by a combination of Nazi agents, representatives of the Roman Catholic hierarchy, and Italian fascists. There has also come to our attention a tract, reprinted by them, from the American Publishing Society, Bremerton, Washington. This tract contains all the stock arguments of the anti-Semites, as well as forgeries attributed to Benjamin Franklin and Karl Marx. Undoubtedly, this represents only a small portion of their propaganda.

In Spanish-speaking Harlem, Franco agents are active spreaders of anti-Semitism. An illustrated literary weekly in the Spanish language, Puerto Rico Ilustrado, owned by National City Bank, carries every week an anti-Semitic article, and recently published an extremely vicious one called, "The Red Plague," by Concha Espina. The newspaper, La Prensa, indulges every now and then in Jew-baiting.

The Rome-Berlin-Tokyo alliance is flooding Latin America with anti-Semitic literature. This is bound to reflect itself in Lower Harlem. The book, "Oro," or "Gold," by the well-known South American writer, Hugo Wast, containing quotations from the "Protocols of Zion," and equally vicious anti-Semitic material, sold as high as 30,000 copies in Buenos Aires in a single month. "Oro" is just an example of the flood of anti-Semitic stuff that is being spread in South America. There is no doubt that it had a big sale in Lower Harlem.

In Negro Harlem, there is Arthur Reid and a group around him, who received the mantle from the now deceased "Sufi," the first to coin the slogan, "Drive the Jews Out of Harlem." In a current issue of their paper, "The Harlem

Bulletin," they call upon the Negroes to follow the example of Hitler.

Under Catholic auspices vicious anti-Jewish material is being circulated. Elements in the Christian Youth movement are also seeking to foment anti-Semitism. White Guard Russians, Japanese and Nazi agents are busy, striving to incite the Negroes against the Jews.

The "National American," and other anti-Semitic material which I spoke of in connection with East Harlem, are also being spread in Washington Heights, which has a large Irish-Catholic population. These instances which I have quoted reflect without doubt only a small portion of the attempt to foster hatred against the Jews in our area.

THE SOURCE OF ANTI-SEMITISM

Whence springs anti-Semitism? How do we explain its rapid rise today? Is it a plague against which nothing can be done, which in the scheme of things must eternally follow the Jews like an aura, unrelated to social conditions, unrelated to the struggle against fascism, as some Jewish leaders assert? Or does it stem from the Jews, as the Amsterdam News asserted in an editorial of August 27, 1938—that "Anti-Semitism is regrettable, but the Jew himself is its author, insofar as it concerns the American Negro."

It has also been asserted that "The source of anti-Semitism everywhere is economic. That anti-Semitism is first of all a capitalist means to eliminate Jewish competitors; secondly, a means of confusing the broad masses, through a false issue, thus diverting their attention from the main enemy, the big exploiters."

The source of anti-Semitism is "economic," in the sense that it flows out of the economic structure, which gives rise to political reaction. But can it be said that the aim of the reactionary fascist demagogues today in fomenting anti-Semitism is first of all to eliminate the Jewish competitor, or

is it their aim to use anti-Semitism as a weapon to deflect the indignation of the masses? Are not these two closely intertwined? Is not the main emphasis however upon the latter?

Take Italy, with its 40,000 Jews: is it first of all a means of eliminating the Jewish competitors? Or take South America, with a bare population of 325,000 Jews; is the Rome-Berlin-Tokyo alliance and its reactionary accomplices motivated first of all by a desire to eliminate Jewish competitors?

No one can deny, of course, that the predatory fascist bourgeoisie strives to expropriate weaker sections of the bourgeoisie. Experiences of Germany show how anti-Semitism was used by the ruling financial clique (Thyssen, Krupp, Vogler, etc.), as a mask to seize the property of the Jews. But of course, alongside of this was the object of making the Jews the scapegoats of the increasing difficulties facing the German people under fascism. To emphasize the elimination of the Jewish competitors as the primary aim of anti-Semitism, would constitute a serious hindrance to the mobilization of the broad democratic masses in the struggle against anti-Semitism. How would it be possible, on such a basis, to show the broad masses that the fight against anti-Semitism is their fight, if we do not see or understand its real use as the chief international ideological weapon of reaction?

And further, can the term "economic" be used in the shallow, economic-deterministic, and vulgarized sense in which it is used above, as merely the question of competition: i.e., antagonism arising out of competition, as the economic divorced from the social, with which it is inextricably interwoven? Of course not!

Marx declared that "In the social productions which human beings carry on, they enter into definite relations, relations which are determined that is to say independent of their will; productive relations which correspond to a

definite evolutionary phase of the material forces of production. The totality of these relations constitute the economic structure of society, the real basis upon which a legal and political superstructure develops." (Marx, Preface to the 2nd German edition of "Das Kapital.")

It is on the basis therefore of the economic structure of monopoly capital, the economics of imperialism, that political reaction arises. Lenin, in his penetrating analysis of Imperialism, as the last stage of capitalism, foreshadowed the development of fascist-imperialism. He declared that the economics of imperialism expressed a turning from "democracy to political reaction. . . . Political reaction corresponds to monopoly." (Lenin's Collected Works. Russian Ed. Vol. XIX.)

It is this fundamental sense that the source of anti-Semitism is "economic." Fascism which is contemporary political reaction, seeks to utilize anti-Semitism as "the entering wedge . . . in its effort to pit one nationality against another, white against Negro, one section of the population against the other." (From Resolution of National Committee of the Communist Party on Anti-Semitism and the Nazi Pogroms. December 5, 1938.) It serves, as Comrade Stalin phrases it, "as a lightning conductor to divert from capitalism the blows of the toilers."

Today, we Communists who first pointed out the danger of fascism to our country and the source from which it springs, are proud that we are no longer alone, that broad strata of our people understand the source of fascism and its weapon, anti-Semitism. For example, no other than the Secretary of the Interior, Harold L. Ickes, has declared: "The false god of fascism must have its devil, upon which it can pour its objurations."

THE ARGUMENT OF THE ANTI-SEMITES

What arguments are used by the anti-Semites?

Their chief stock-in-trade, bellowed so brazenly by the hero of Berlin, the fascist priest, Father Coughlin, is that the only way to solve the problems of the masses, the struggle for jobs, for security and for peace, is to fight against the "International Jewish Bankers," who, they contend, own and control the United States of America, lock, stock and barrel.

"The New Deal is a Jew Deal!" is one of their slogans. Roosevelt is not Roosevelt—he is, they claim, "Rosenfeld." They launch attacks at Bernard Baruch, and Felix Frankfurter, who, they contend, are the real rulers of America. And Lo and Behold! not only are the workers exploited by the "International Jewish Bankers," but so are the Fords and the Mellons, etc. In a demagogic appeal to the labor unions, they declare that the "real enemy is not our Ford, Mellon, Rockefeller, DuPonts and other great industrialists, but the Jewish system of money and banking which exploits both the industrialists and the workers." (Page 21, "Christocracy," published by the Christian Democratic Corporation, Dallas, Texas.)

And President Roosevelt's policy of Social Security they declare, is not only directed against the interests of the people, but back of it is a sinister scheme of the "Jewish-Rothschild-Talmudic-Banking System." Speaking of the WPA Appropriation they declare: "The way is swiftly being prepared for it to 'Happen Here'! The Emergency is being brought on by the staggering Public Debt—that Jewish curse upon civilization." (Page 27. Idem citato.)

"The Christocrats will exercise their concerted energies and intelligence to eradicate the Jewish, Rothschild, Talmudic system of money and banking from the United States." (Page 34. Idem citato.)

Everything progressive is painted as a Jewish-Bolshevik plot. The Industrial Control Reports of James True, say the following about trade union unity:

"An authority in close touch with organized labor writes

us: 'If F. D. R. and Ma Perkins are successful in making peace between Lewis and Green, the fat will be in the fire. Then the Jews will have it, with a downhill pull'."

And of course the Communist Party is dragged in as part of the International Jewish Bankers plot, part of the international "central" apparatus.

Earl Browder, General Secretary of the Communist Party of the United States, is likewise—for the purpose of fascist reaction—declared to be "Jewish." All Jews are Communists, and the "purity" and "security" of the United States has to be defended, they say, against the Jewish Communist invasion. This is the height of the ludicrous: **that at one and the same time the Jews are the International bankers who control the wealth of the country, and the Communists who wish to achieve socialism!**

The sad commentary is that of the 4,500,000 Jews, the Party, which has a total membership of about 100,000 has **as one of its weaknesses the failure to recruit sufficiently among the Jewish masses.**

The American anti-Semites, the crude Coughlins and Trues, as well as those who peddle the fine-spun variety, only repeat the arguments of Hitler, who in his recent speech in Berlin, on January 30, 1939, hurled new insults at the United States, called Harold L. Ickes a "foreign agitator," prated about "Jewish capitalistic propaganda" in America, about the war-mongering "international Jewish financiers," and the Bolshevik "Jews,"—and with Hitlerian characteristic hurled new threats and insults at the Negro people.

Now, it may seem that such statements as those given above are too absurd to be believed by anyone—but all anti-fascist fighters should give serious thought to the statement by Comrade Dimitroff, at the Seventh World Congress:

"Many comrades did not believe that so reactionary a variety of bourgeois ideology as the ideology of fascism, which in its stupidity frequently reaches the point of lunacy,

was capable of gaining a mass influence at all. This was a great mistake. The putrefaction of capitalism penetrates to the innermost core of its ideology and culture, while the desperate situation of the broad masses of the people renders certain sections of them susceptible to infection from the ideological refuse of this putrefaction. We must under no circumstances underrate this fascist capacity for ideological infection." (Page 73. "United Front Against Fascism and War." Seventh World Congress.)

THE ANSWER TO THE ANTI-SEMITIC ARGUMENTS

The first question: do the Jews control the economic and political life of America?

There are around 4,500,000 Jews in the United States. Our Jewish population has grown as follows: In 1826 there were 6,000. From 1881 to 1936—2,419,916 Jewish immigrants came to our shores. The highest peak of immigration was between 1901 and 1910. Around a million Jews came to America in that decade. From 1931 to 1936, the Jewish immigration dropped to 26,042 for the total six years.

About half of the Jewish population lives in New York City. Eleven large cities contain about 69% of the Jewish population. Sixty-eight cities of over 100,000 population, contain 84% of the Jewish population. About 1.2% of Jews live in incorporated areas of 2,500 or less; while about 1.5% live in unincorporated areas. The Jewish farm population is about 100,000. (See John Arnold "The Jews in America," Jewish Life, Nov., 1938.)

It is a plain fascist lie that Jews own or control the wealth of the United States. **The overwhelming majority of the Jews are workers and small business people, who toil for their daily bread.** The magazine, "Fortune," stated: "The great mass of the 4,500,000 American Jews, like the great mass of American non-Jews is made up of workers, employed

and unemployed." (Page 34. Originally appeared in "Fortune," later published in book form by Random House, in 1936, under the title "Jews in America.")

In 1929, in a survey of fifty unions which had a total membership of 392,000, the Jewish membership was 134,000 or approximately one-third, which corresponds to the percentage of Jews living in New York City.

The editor of "Fortune," in a survey, demonstrated that: "First of all, and very definitely, they (the Jews) **do not run banking**. They play little or no part in the great commercial houses." (Page 39, idem citato. Our emphasis—J. W. F.)

"If these houses are ranked upon the amount of foreign loans outstanding on March 7th, 1935, J. P. Morgan with 19.87%, National City Company with 11.71%, Dillon, Reade with 11.44%, Chase, Harris, Forbes with 8.45%, Guarantee Company with 6.68%, Banca-America Blain with 6.18%, and Lee Higginson with 4.23%, **all rank above the highest Jewish house, which is Kuhn Loeb with 2.88%.**" (Page 40, idem citato, our emphasis, J. W. F.)

"If the Jews have a **subordinate place in finance**, which they are often said to control, they have an even more inconspicuous place in heavy industry." (Page 42, idem citato, Our emphasis—J. W. F.)

And Kuhn Loeb is not completely Jewish controlled; neither is V. W. Seligman and Company. It is the Morgan, DuPonts, Mellons, Fords and Rockefellers who own and control the wealth of the United States.

THE UNITY OF THE JEWISH PEOPLE

Against whom then is this lying propaganda, these brazen falsifications directed?

Against the American people, in a crucial struggle for social and national security, whose cherished democratic rights achieved in decades of struggle are jeopardized by fascist brigands who are thundering at the gates of America,

from without; by their cronies, the Wall Street magnates, and their spokesmen, the Hoovers, the Vandenberges, and the Bilbos, who in the face of the rising wrath of the masses are ready to hand over the nation to fascism.

The struggle against anti-Semitism is an integral part of our fight for a progressive America. It is the task not only of the Jews but of all progressives, of everyone interested in the defeat of fascism, first and foremost of the working class, which must achieve unity in the struggle to carry out its historical task in the present moment to save the nation from fascist slavery. It is the task of the Negro, menaced by the Hitlerization of the United States. The defeat of anti-Semitism requires the unification of all the progressive forces among the Jewish people, and their alliance with all the forces within the camp of progress, particularly the Negro people.

The formation of the General Council of Jewish Rights, in 1938, to coordinate the activity of the Big Four Jewish organizations, the American Jewish Committee, the American Jewish Congress, Bnai Brith, and the Jewish Labor Committee, was an important step forward in the direction of unity. The interest of the Jewish people, the interest of America as a whole, demands inclusion of the Jewish People's Committee for united action against fascism and anti-Semitism organized in 1936 by a group of progressive and left-wing organizations.

Since its organization, the Jewish People's Committee has drawn around itself numerous landsmanschaften, synagogues, left-wing social and cultural organizations, etc. It organized a powerful protest meeting at Madison Square Garden during November, 1938. The struggle for the unity of the forces of American Jewry, necessitates an irrevocable struggle against the defeatists, the capitulators, and all the advocates of "hush, hush" tactics of "retreat before the enemies," and of any "back to the ghetto" advocates, who try to curry

favor with reaction by Red-baiting, to prove to the non-Jewish world that Jews are not Communists.

THE REFUGEES

The problem of Jewish refugees from the fascist countries, already of serious proportions, has become enormously aggravated as a result of the Nazi pogroms of unprecedented barbarity. The first question is: upon whom lies the responsibility for the barbarous assaults on the Jewish people? The answer is, upon Hitler and his reactionary accomplices, particularly Mr. Chamberlain. These assaults grew directly out of the Munich Accord. The scheme of Mr. Chamberlain to ship hundreds of thousands of Jews to some uninhabitable portion of the world, is part of his whole nefarious scheme for the support of Hitlerism. Such a fantastic proposition should not, and could not be entertained for one moment by democracy-loving people. It is clear that a fight for the refugees is bound up with the whole struggle against the Rome-Berlin-Tokyo alliance. There must be no concession to the fascist principle to rob and plunder a whole minority people. The progressive forces can and must fight for the right to the Jews to live in the country of their birth and training, including Germany. An International Conference of all democratic powers, including the U.S.S.R., is the need of the hour.

In the United States, we must call upon our government to extend our traditional right of asylum to all those who are in danger of attack from Hitler, of all who have been forced to flee the prison-house of fascist Germany. To those who raise the question of jobs, we must explain to them that ample resources exist in our country to make jobs for millions of Americans; the job question is not decided by a few thousand refugees—the job question will be decided by the advance of the democratic and people's front, the curbing of the power of the big monopolies in the economic

life of the country.

In this connection, the question is being asked about Mexico and her policies on the Jewish refugees from Germany. First it must be stated that Mexico has extended her traditional right of asylum to the refugees, but unfortunately, because of the decades of robbery by the Standard Oil and Royal Dutch Shell Corporations, the Mexican economy is in a very bad state which—aggravated at the present moment by the machinations of Chamberlain and Wall Street against the Mexican people—renders Mexico unable to give unlimited right of asylum.

PALESTINE

How should one regard the question of the emigration of the Jews to Palestine?

Large numbers of Jewish people have illusions about Palestine. The problem of the emigration of the Jews to Palestine is interlinked with the creation of cooperation and amity between the Arabs and the Jews. This can be carried out only on the basis of a program of equal participation of Arabs and Jewish people, struggle against the penetration of fascist propaganda, the struggle for democratization against the British Tory policy of "Divide the Rule."

In such a manner it is possible to favor further emigration to Palestine, with the full consent of the Arabs, based on mutual understanding, with the rights of the Jews guaranteed as a national minority.

ANTI-SEMITISM AND THE STRUGGLE FOR NEGRO RIGHTS

It is an established fact that Nazi agents work in close conjunction with, the encouragement of, or at least with the benevolent indifference of the fascist-minded circles of America, and their spokesmen.

"Aryanism," the reactionary race theory which was picked up and utilized by the Southern slaveholders as a justification of their enslavement of the Negroes, and later employed by the Southern landlords and their Wall Street allies, in their maintenance of the national oppression of the Negroes, has now become the chief ideological weapon of the forces of fascism in the United States. Bilbo, Ellender and company gave a demonstration of this in their vicious, un-American, subversive filibuster of the Anti-Lynch Bill.

ANTI-NEGROISM, ANTI-SEMITISM, ANTI-CATHOLICISM

The rabid, reactionary, fascist cliques in the United States are striving to revive this theory (with fascist consent, of course) which Hitler has developed to unheard of levels. Anti-Semitism and Negrophobia thus stem from the same source. Some time ago there used to be heard certain speculations that in the United States, anti-Semitism would always be negligible, because here all hatred would be directed against the Negroes. Such speculation belies the traditional method of reaction in its linking up of the anti-Negro, the anti-Catholic, and the anti-Semitic, utilizing as its demagogic appeal, the "White Protestant American." Finance Capital needs additional weapons to divide the people; that is why they need anti-Semitism. They cannot chatter about the exploitation of Negro Bankers. Anti-Semitism and anti-Negroism are indissolubly interconnected, and both rise simultaneously. Secretary Harold L. Ickes stressed this fact in his speech at Chicago, on April 3, 1938, when he declared: "... One has only to turn his mind from the international Klu Kluxism of fascism, to the Klu Kluxism that is natively American, in order to discover here a rich field for oppressions and terrorisms. Against this background it is not difficult to foresee that fascism, if it should ever become established in this country, would have not only its Jewish devil,

it would have its Negro devil, its Catholic devil, to say nothing of an assorted variety of other devils, fashioned out of different nationalities and religious groups."

HITLER AND THE NEGROES

The Negro people expressed themselves in no uncertain terms against the persecution of the Jews by Hitler. Every leader, from the outstanding organizations of the Negro people, spoke, voicing the sentiments of their people. Numerous letters to the press indicated the resentment of the Negro people against Hitler's attacks upon the Jewish people.

Hitler has declared: "On one point we must, in the final analysis, be absolutely clear: France is, and remains, an enemy-to-the-death of the German people. . . . France, a country which is reputedly becoming bastardized and negroid, constitutes an eternal danger to the white race of Europe." —Mein Kampf.

Hitler, who bellows for the return of the former German African colonies, who is angling for the West Indian Islands, laments what he terms the "mild" rule of British imperialism. He announces, through the semi-official organ of the Nazi Foreign Office, "Diplomatische Politische Korrespondenz":

"In Jamaica the British Administration has tolerated the proletarianization of the natives, and permitted the development of European ideas in class warfare, impoverishment, dissatisfaction, and finally bolshevization." . . . and indicates that a "new spirit" is called for in colonial affairs—"the spirit, for instance, which Italy displays in her imperial possessions in Ethiopia."

The Hitler attitude toward Negroes is further disclosed in a ruling of the Nazi courts in the case of a young German farmer whose great-great-grandmother had been a Mulatto. The Nazi courts ruled that "the establishment of the existence of colored blood must necessarily lead to inability to become a peasant on German land. The requirements of

blood purity are of such preponderant importance that there can be no release from them. . . . "

The Nazi State thereupon confiscated the large estate.

THE NEGRO PEOPLE SPEAK OUT AGAINST ANTI-SEMITISM

The Negro people of the United States know what Hitlerization of the United States would mean. The Negro people are profoundly anti-Fascist. There are two examples which I believe convey the true sentiments of the Negro people. First, Doctor Mordecai Johnson, President of Howard University, who said: "The Negroes instinctively belong on the side of all decent-thinking people who are revolted by Nazi terror. . . . No minority can protect itself from the fate which has befallen the Jewish minority in Germany today, by attempting to achieve self-protection alone."

And the Reverend Raymond Henderson, pastor of Bethesda Baptist Church, in New Rochelle, New York, declared:

"As a race of people whose souls have been made sensitive through many years of persecution and suffering, we extend our profoundest sympathies to the Jewish people in their present plight, particularly in Germany."

" . . . There is one difference, however, in the persecution of the Jews and of the American Negro.

"While in America it is carried on openly in the South, and subtly in other sections, it does not have active government sanctions and participation. The sin of the American government is not that it persecutes, but that it permits persecution without doing a single thing to prevent it.

"We re-affirm our faith in the democratic form of government as opposed to all others.

"We further pledge ourselves that unsolicited by any individual or organization, we will, upon the call of our minister, assemble for a benefit entertainment, funds raised to be voluntarily and gladly contributed to the proper source, to

aid the cause of the Jewish refugees."

Naturally, the Negro people in condemnation of Nazi persecution, also called attention to their own struggle against the lynch terror and persecution at home. This was natural. Comrade Browder in his recent speech on Nazi pogroms over Station WMCA, declared: "In the hot indignation that sweeps over America, against the crimes in Germany, let us not overlook the growing and alarming signs of the growth of Hitlerism within the United States itself."

Of course, large sections of the Negro people may not have seen the connection between the fight on behalf of the Jews, and the struggle against fascism in America. We must point out to the widest masses, the role of Roosevelt and the New Deal, in the struggle for equality; the great Human Welfare Conference, and its significance to the Negro people. We must explain to them that Roosevelt and the New Deal, through their program, advanced the cause of Negro equality more than any President besides Abraham Lincoln. Of course, the agents of reaction, as well as those who flirt with it among the Negroes, would not lose an opportunity to take a dig at the New Deal.

THE NEGRO PEOPLE AND THE JEWS

What ground does reaction find for anti-Semitism among the Negroes?

It is clear that the spring from which it issues and spreads the super-exploitation of the Negroes, is the slave-remnants of the Black Belt. It is the same fascist-minded circles of the bourgeoisie who subject the Negro to inhuman oppression, who maintain this oppression by lynch terror and segregation, and who today are striving to employ anti-Semitism to destroy democracy in America, so that there would be no restrictions to the intensification of that oppression. It is the big Wall Street banks, who themselves discriminate against the Jews, who in Harlem and in other segregated

Negro communities by and large own or control housing and force, through their exorbitant high rent, and ghetto polity.

Large numbers of Negro women work for Jews, as domestics. There is competition between Negro small business, and Jewish small business. Large numbers of real estate agents are Jewish. Jews, as part of the dominant white nation, display the customary white chauvinist attitude, encouraged within the dominant white nation, toward the Negroes. This is reflected in the discrimination against Negroes on jobs and in services in Jewish-owned establishments, as well as in general.

The anti-Semites and their agents are quick to single out these things, and seek in this way to incite the Negroes against the Jews. Some, like Dr. Willis Huggins, Negro lecturer, slander the Jewish people, declaring that the Jewish people will not fight shoulder to shoulder with the Negroes.

"With Israel at bay today," said Dr. Huggins recently, "no one expects it to endanger its position with Christians by an excessive show of zeal on behalf of the colored people. Yet when petty tyrannies of Jews against colored people are pointed out to them, such indication is not in the essence of anti-Semitism."—Baltimore Afro-American, Oct. 29, 1938.

In this respect, the following words of Comrade Stalin should be recalled:

"... But how can it be seriously maintained that petrified religious rites and fading psychological relics affect the 'fate' of these Jews, more powerfully than living social, economic, and cultural environment that surround them?" (Stalin, "Marxism and the National Colonial Question." Page 10.)

THE ROLE OF THE AMERICAN JEWS IN THE STRUGGLE FOR DEMOCRACY

The Jewish people have played a significant role in the development of American democracy. During the Revolutionary War, they were overwhelmingly on the side of the

colonies. The same banner of "Liberty, Equality and Fraternity," under which Crispus Attucks, the Negro, fell, under which the heroic Haitian freemen journeyed to Savannah to fight for American independence, to demonstrate their solidarity which American colonists struggling for freedom from the yoke of British tyranny, attracted the Jewish people in their love for freedom and democracy. We must point out that two of John Brown's closest associates were Jews. We must show their wholehearted support. And in the long struggle to build a progressive labor movement in America, which is today flowering, which has brought more than 500,000 Negroes into the ranks of organized labor, swelling their incomes by the millions, who more than the Jews have been instrumental in aiding this development?

Or take Herndon—Scottsboro—Ethiopia—Spain—did they not play an important role in the building of the Communist Party, which has been a recognized and important factor in the development of unity among the Negro people? To their eternal credit, the Jewish people have played a prominent role in every progressive movement, in every struggle for Negro rights.

One of the principal tasks of the Jewish Communists will be in fighting for the unity of the Jewish people in the struggle for Jewish rights, to become sensitive to these problems among the Negroes, and make the broad masses of the Jewish people conscious of the need particularly for the unity of the Negro people and the Jewish people in the struggle against fascism. The Negro masses in active struggle against anti-Semitism, the Jewish masses in active struggle for Negro rights —

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